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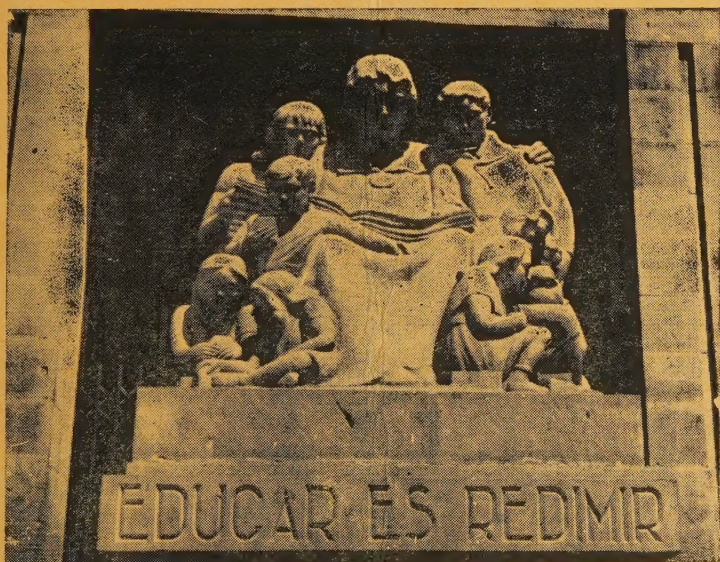


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This impressive monument to Education is found at the entrance of the "Centro Escolar Revolución" located in Mexico City on the historic site of the old Belen prison. The inscription "To Educate is to Redeem" is a phrase pronounced by the outstanding former minister of public education, Justo Sierra, a distinguished writer, poet, and founder of the modern National University of Mexico

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The March of Radiant Evangelism

The Mother Church and Her Work of Cultivation

Bishop Eleazar Guerra,
Methodist Church of Mexico

From the beginning of my work, first as General Superintendent of the Methodist Church of Mexico, and later as Bishop, I felt the urge and desire to work for a spirit of deeper understanding between the Mother Church and the Methodist Church of Mexico.

We have believed always that each succeeding year should strengthen the tie that binds our hearts in one, since the spiritual and material welfare of our Church is the direct fruit of the love and missionary endeavor of the Mother Church.

There are certain problems related with the evolution experienced in Mexico by the revolutionary movement that brought the passing of strict laws with reference to religious services, obliging our missionaries to obey laws that prohibited foreigners to officiate, privately or publicly, in matters of a religious nature. This was one of the principal reasons for establishing an autonomous church in Mexico. Our National leaders, with faith and stoicism, assumed the responsibility that was newly laid upon them and entered the struggle of the new experience of becoming a National Church, although

they continued their affiliation with the Mother Church by means of the Council of Cooperation.

We understood, however, that without full representation of our church in the general conferences of the two branches of Methodism, and, later, of the united Methodist Church, the current of mutual understanding would weaken, leaving only a small number of missionaries engaged in educational and social work, and occasionally a few national workers, to inform the Mother Church of the extent and progress of the work of the Methodist Church of Mexico. But never in an official capacity with frank representation in the College of Bishops, Board of Missions and in General Conferences.

Nevertheless, from the very beginning we had the privilege of counting on the assistance and help of such Christian gentlemen and women as Dr. A. W. Wasson, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, Miss Elizabeth Lee, Miss Sally Lou McKinnon, and other outstanding leaders. With sympathy and understanding they witnessed the birth of the Methodist Church of Mexico and saw it take its first faltering footsteps. Among other friends, some former classmates of Southern Methodist University who now occupy important positions in the Church, we mention Bishops Charles I. Slecman, Paul V. Kern and William C. Martin; Paul Quillian, Albert Shirkey, Warren Johnston, Kenneth Pope, Humphrey Lee, Dean Eugene B. Hawks.

Taking into consideration the work developed and carried forward by former missionaries and the understanding of those friends we have just mentioned, we were able to increase our mutual understanding and to make felt the pulsations of the young autonomous church, which was gradually acquiring strength in its new task. This work has been intensified in the last five years. Adopted officially by the Board of Missions, and promoted by some of our own leaders, our comprehension reaches its peak as we reflect on the number of pastors and congregations that seek ways and means to cooperate earnestly with the work in and for

Mexico. They honor us with repeated invitations to participate in their preaching services, and often in meetings of significance to the Church at large. The missionary group of Mexico has led us to feel this same spirit of deep understanding and unity of strength, because they identify themselves with the best interests of the National Church. The new missionaries which we have had the privilege to welcome come with their hearts and hands ready to cooperate with us, accepting the challenge of difficult problems and situations.

I sincerely believe that Methodism is called to an important role of aiding in making decisions that will affect the future of the entire world, and, with the combined efforts of the churches which she has helped to bring into being, will constitute a primary force in presenting the Cross of Christ to an intensely spiritually distressed world.

Words of gratitude to the missionaries of the past and of the present, and it is our sincere desire that the Methodist Church of Mexico should fulfill its mission in preaching the Gospel message to every creature.

Training for Christian Service in Mexico

Milton C. Davis, director,
Union Evangelical Center

The opening service of the Union Seminary and the Methodist Deaconess School was held in the Balderas Street Methodist Church on Sunday evening, March 5. We were fortunate to have with us Rev. David T. Morrison, missionary secretary of the Missouri Annual Conference, who gave the opening address. On the following morning, the Communion Service was conducted by Rev. Alejandro Ruiz, pastor of the Aztecas Street Church, in the "John Howland" Chapel, with attendance of students, faculty, and members of the administrative Board. The joint student body includes 25 young men who are preparing for the ministry, and 7 young women,



A group of Seminary students and faculty

students of the Deaconess School. These 32 young people in training for Christian service represent the following churches: Methodist, 24; Congregational, 4; Disciples of Christ, 3; Associate Reformed Presbyterian, 1.

This is the second year since the initiation of the new courses of study. The academic level of training has been raised to that of university studies, with the opportunity to receive the degree of Bachelor of Theology upon completion of four years of advanced theological study, with satisfactory thesis and examinations. Besides the advanced course, there is provision for those students who, while giving promise of usefulness in the ministry, are unable to meet these academic requirements.

Before the opening of regular classes, several of the students attended an Institute on Rural Work, held at the Y. M. C. A. Rural Center, about sixty miles south of Mexico City. Special attention was given to the cooperation of evangelical churches in the improvement of rural community life. Three members of the faculty, all of whom teach in the

Department of the Rural Church, directed the studies and other activities of the Institute.

Supervision of the work of students as pastors or pastors' assistants is carried on regularly by two faculty members, who visit the students in their church services, and counsel them in the problems that arise. Classes are held for discussion of these problems. The pastoral activities of a student are considered a required part of his theological course, and must be approved before he can receive his diploma.

The Seminary is a union institution, supported by three churches: Methodist, Congregational and Disciples of Christ. Other churches sometimes send students. Denominational instruction is provided for students when churches desire it. The Methodist Church has a four year series of classes in Methodist doctrine, history and government. Our ideal is to give opportunity for needful study of the prospective minister's own church, always in a spirit of mutual consideration and cordial cooperation between the churches represented.

Institutes for rural pastors and other church workers have been held in 6 different centers -one near Mexico City, one in the State of Puebla, three in the northern border states, and one in the far northwestern state of Sonora. Usually, from 2 to 4 Seminary teachers work in each institute, with assistance from the District Superintendent or pastors. Courses of study include the usual Biblical or theological subjects, with instruction in agriculture, health, and other aspects of rural community life. Classes are held in the mornings, games and other recreational activities in the afternoons, and on Saturday there are trips to places of interest, in some localities to model farms or industrial plants.

In addition to regular courses in educational methods given in the Seminary classes, there is a Department of audio-visual aids, in which special attention is given to the acquisition, preparation and use of equipment. While these activities

are carried on under the guidance of teachers, ample opportunity is given for enterprises due to the initiative of students. Programs are given in churches where these activities are welcomed, certain equipment is loaned to congregations requesting assistance, and a catalog is carefully kept in which all materials available are listed, including those offered by outside agencies. A sound projector and a wire recorder are pieces of equipment recently acquired, which greatly increase the possibilities of this department.

Reference has already been made to the visit of Rev. David T. Morrison at the beginning of the school year. In addition to the opening address, he gave two most helpful devotional messages. Upon him falls a good share of the responsibility for the raising of funds to be used in the erection of our new student home, which we hope to begin in the very near future. Part of the funds to be raised by the Missouri Conference in the Advance Plan are to be directed to this task. The visit of the missionary secretary of that Conference was a source of real encouragement to those interested in the training of Christian workers in Mexico.

In May, we were privileged to have with us Bishop S. W. Barbieri, of Buenos Aires. His inspiring messages in the Seminary and elsewhere came with special force because of his long experience in ministerial training in other lands, and the valuable contribution he has made to Christian literature in Spanish-speaking America. We find special encouragement in Bishop Barbieri's enthusiastic vision of the opportunities facing the four union seminaries in which preachers are now being trained for the Methodist Churches of Spanish-speaking lands, and of the place of our own Seminary in this enterprise of cordial and fraternal cooperation with other evangelical churches.

The Hostel "Industrial"

Ethel Thomas,
director

The passing of the school year comes always with a pull at the heart strings — so much of living has gone into the years that precede graduation. This year two of the twelve were with us since kindergarten. A school year ended, a series of years ended. One looks back over the character



Students of the Laura Temple School and the Hostel "Industrial" in a folklore dance called "The Bamba"

forming years and a song of thanksgiving wells within the heart: "We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

Perhaps the two girls who came to us at five have a story to tell of the way of missionary education. Marta, who has become a staunch Protestant, a member of the church, zealous in her religious enthusiasm; and Socorro, still and always, possibly, a Roman Catholic, but with ideas broadened, an intelligent Christian and a sincere follower of Jesus Christ.

Always about a third of the girls in the home are Catholic. It often happens that girls we think are Protestant prove to be Catholic. They are Christian and accept gladly the natural and satisfying opportunities for expression of and growth in the Christian life. Because the home is not concerned about creed but about the actual living of the Christian life, they find nothing strange in their new environment, but on the contrary enter eagerly and wholeheartedly into the plan of religious life in home and school. Strange to say the school, where there is no religious teaching, has a faculty truly missionary in spirit. They have worked both in home and school, so that the school may be said to be a laboratory for Christian living.

"Here I became a Protestant", declared a girl at the end of her first year in high school, going on to say that sincerity, frankness, cooperation and loyalty were becoming a part of her life and she was consciously seeking to grow in her Christian experience. It is interesting to see with what pleasure the girls secure their first Bibles and launch out upon the adventure of knowing and using them. With what satisfaction they prepare to read the Scripture and offer prayer at evening prayers in the dining room, or take part in their Sunday evening service!

We appreciate the many fine Catholic girls who come to us, but it is hard to express the appreciation we feel for girls who come from our Protestant homes, well founded in their Christian faith through the careful living and training of devoted Christian parents. It is these girls themselves who give inspiration and spiritual light to the religious atmosphere of the home. These trained and earnest Protestant girls, together with eager and enthusiastic Catholic girls, take us a long way on our road toward awakening and developing indifferent girls, both Catholic and Protestant. It is helping girls with serious problems, the creating of the bouyant atmosphere of wholesome living and working together that characterizes the Christian home.

Our great longing is to see every girl consciously surrender her life to Jesus Christ. Some are not with us for long, many go without having made that decision, but always there is something that remains which brings these girls, now mothers, perhaps, back to us in later years. It is an appreciation of vital character molding that makes mothers seek for their daughters the opportunity they themselves had in this home and school. A Catholic mother, a while ago, showed us the card the priest had given her so that without cost she might place her daughter in a Catholic school and thus avoid having her in a Protestant institution. The preference she expressed in continuing to pay for what she had and coveted for her daughter describes the leaven that exists in our mission homes and schools.

“Julian Villagran” School

Pachuca - Hidalgo

Antonio Carro, director

This school, established in the mining town of Pachuca on February 5, 1877 by Dr. Juan M. Barker, a Methodist missionary, has given 72 years of constant and untiring service to the community. At first it occupied the site where the Methodist Church now stands and functioned in that locality for eighteen years under the direction of Prof. Ciro Paul, the first principal of the school. Thus the foundation of evangelical education was laid. Each successive principal enlarged the work through untiring zeal and sacrifice. The long list of principals includes the names of Conrado A. Gamboa, Pedro Flores Valderrama, Severo I. López, Luis Xochihua, Eduardo Zapata, Pablo Aguilar, Alberto Chávez, Pedro Ortiz; Petronilo Constantino, Jorge A. Osorio, Juan A. Peláez, César Zapata, Federico Zavala, Paulino Machuca, Alberto Báez and, from 1915 up to the present time, Prof. Antonio Carro.

The first boarding department in Pachuca for boys was opened in this school in 1920 with eighteen enrolled. At the present time there are forty, the limit which present accommodations allow. In the early days the school enrollment scarcely reached a hundred, but at the present date it passes the four hundred mark. In 1923 the Secondary Department was opened and functioned for nine years, but, because of certain demands of the law, it was necessary to close it in 1932.



A group of "Villagranes" preparing to attend a civic ceremony

Actually the school is carrying on grammar school work and is incorporated under the Federation. The work realized by this school is recognized as very efficient by its own clientele and by those outside. It has the satisfaction of counting on the moral support of all social classes and the respect of the teaching force. The school occupies the place it now holds among the first because of the work which the various professors who have served the institution have developed during the years.

To the honor and glory of our country we can affirm

without fear of being mistaken that our school, like all our sister schools scattered throughout the country, is in the vanguard of Mexican education. It would be well to place on the facade of each of our educational institutions this simple motto: "Here is sown the seed which in other fields of labor will bring forth the fruit of victory."

"Julian Villagran School"

As seen by a visitor

One summer morning the idea came to me to visit some of the principal schools of the city of Pachuca. Immediately I directed my steps to the historic school which, with legitimate pride, bears the name of the brave and loyal insurgent, Julian Villagran.

Arriving at the imposing edifice, the murmur of fresh voices reviewing the lessons of the day reached my ears. From the little tots in their attractive and ample kindergarten room, who on hearing my greeting arose and responded "Good-morning, Sir," to the older boys reflecting on the saying, "I only know that I know nothing" of the wise Socrates, all were studying diligently. Some moments later, in a pleasing conversation with the cultured principal Mr. Antonio Carro, a number of questions were asked and answered which have given the basis for a bit of history of the school.

It was in the year 1877 that this important school was founded. It was situated at first on the corner where the stately and artistic Methodist Church of the mining town of Pachuca now stands. In 1895 it changed location to what is now Guerrero Street, adopting at that time the name which it now carries. It remained in the same place until the end of 1919, changing to its present location on Allende Street at the beginning of 1920. That same year was a memorable one in that it saw the opening of a boarding department for boys, a real necessity for the numerous students from adjacent

districts and nearby states who were desirous of finding a congenial atmosphere in which to continue and perfect their studies. Without any exaggeration, it can be said in passing that this boarding department is one of the first and best in the state of Hidalgo. It has large, well ventilated dormitories, good food, baths, library, study hall, etc., -in fact all those things which make a student feel at home.

One thing that is especially worthy of note is the literary society which bears the name of the noted Nayarit poet, Amado Nervo, and is composed of the students of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. They meet in the assembly hall every Friday to carry out their literary-musical programs which help to develop their literary and artistic faculties.

Another splendid group is that of the "Exploradores" (Boy Scouts) which has as its motto: "Reconstruction of the patriotic spirit through youth." This organization was founded by the notable Tlaxcalan educator, Prof. Samuel Carro, brother of the present principal, and has functioned without interruption for more than twenty years. Through regular excursions and camps the characters of the members of this Scout group are molded.

There is much more that could be added about what this school is doing in a practical way. It has organized a good library that is named "Samuel Carro", and also opened a savings bank some time ago. Seventeen principals, including the present one, have directed the work of the institution with great ability during the 72 years of its life. Since 1915 Prof. Antonio Carro has been its head ably assisted by the excellent primary teacher, Srita. Maria Carro, who counts more than a thousand "Villagranes" that she has rescued from intellectual obscurity.

The thousands of pupils who have marched through the portals of this institution and now bear titles of doctors, engineers, lawyers, professors, military men, or simply clerks, day laborers, or working men of various types, remember with

affection what their alma mater did for them and have organized an alumni association. They constitute the most eloquent proof of the untiring and tenacious educative work that this school has realized for more than seven decades.

After having heard such interesting facts about the institution, and having seen the splendid graphic annual which the professors and students edit at the end of each school year, I took leave of the kindly principal accompanied to the entrance by the voice of the little folks above which could be heard the grave and wise voice of the patient instructor.

Normal Institute "Mexico"

Puebla, Pue.

Adelia y Juana Palacios,
directors

The last year has been rich in blessings for the Normal Institute for Girls in Puebla, Pue.

Rich because two friends from California, Jean Hoffman and Hazel McAllister, former teachers in Puebla, visited the school. They were missionaries who served Mexico and the school approximately twelve years. They worked in Puebla through the aftermath of the days of the revolution when the Normal Institute was forced to close. They then moved to Penzacola, a small Indian village on the outskirts of Puebla, where they initiated Christian teaching through various social and community activities. It was a successful undertaking, but gradually their liberty to work was curtailed and they decided to return to the States and to their teaching profession. But their work bore good fruit.

An Indian mother, who learned of the sacrificial death of Christ for her salvation from these faithful servants, remained loyal. She had a daughter. When the Normal Institute reopened she sent her daughter to complete her

education. She entered at the beginning of her high school course and is now a normal student. She has received a scholarship from the Institute all these years. Sr. Osuna, professor of biology, has paid for her tuition in the Institute and her board in the hostel for four years. In two more years Ernestina will graduate as a teacher and enter the profession. She will be a consecrated, active teacher. She is a genuine Tlaxcaltecan Indian and her outstanding qualities of character give us hope for a successful career.

Miss Hoffman and Miss McAllister gave two excellent talks to our students. The first spoke on child psychology and its importance in teaching, and Miss McAllister spoke on social work and its many aspects for usefulness. But this is not all! They promised to return and give a more intensive course on these two subjects. The girls were vitally interested and appreciated their spirit of love and cooperation, considering the fact that they had come to Mexico to rest from their labors. Fine teachers, both of them!

The students were given a project this past year which will interest you as much as it challenged their artistic talents. They were to cut and make a simple but graceful dress of cheesecloth and to embroider it in an Indian or native design. One hundred and sixty-four dresses were presented for competition and we were obliged to award 54 prizes for the variety and beauty of design we found. It was an experiment in which the girls learned many things about themselves and their possibilities.

Normal students with a flare for painting painted their dresses for the cantata given by the school called, "The Legend of the Zapotecan Indian (Oaxaca)." It has depth of meaning and is full of humanity too. Someday we hope to translate it into English for you to enjoy. It was necessary to translate the legend into Spanish, find adequate music, and to write the dialogue in order to present it as a theatrical production.

The third and last blessing of the year is different in

character. It was the visit of Mr. Ryan, a young evangelist. He filmed the school and girls in color and we hope that someday you will have the opportunity to see us as we are. Mr. Ryan gave our girls a talk on the key to success in life which claimed the girls' undivided attention. "Education", he said, "is like a square; it must have four sides." There is no need to say that his earnest talk, his own young, strong body, his well trained mind and his beautiful moral and Christian character left a deep impression on the girls. The four sides of education will be long remembered.

A Divine Appointment

Siegrid Bricke and her younger sister had gone to Germany to visit their parents at the beginning of the second World War. They lived near Hamburg and suffered much from bombings, having to sleep in bomb shelters to save their lives. The girls were Mexican by birth and thus not registered in Germany, and not registered in Mexico because of German parentage. Their uncles begged the Mexican government to have them brought to Mexico to save them from probable death.

It is a great joy to know that two beautiful young lives escaped death in Germany, thanks to our government. Their trip was long and filled with several sad incidents while waiting for the sailing of the ship. Their lives were also waiting salvation through a knowledge of Christ, their Saviour. When they returned to Mexico the older was seventeen and the younger almost fifteen. Their parents sent them to the Normal School for Girls in Puebla where both are excellent students. The older of the girls was baptized and received into the Methodist Church.

The older sister, Siegrid, finishes in the commercial department next year to go to work. The younger sister, Dacmar, will continue her work in the high school. We hope that Siegrid's commercial career, and Dacmar's work, possibly

as a teacher, through lives of Christian service, will give testimony as young people who know and love Christ Jesús.

The Hostel for Girls

Puebla, Pue.

Clara Gibson, director

This Home is a busy place these days as midyear examinations are almost upon us. We study morning noon and night. We study in the patios, on the terraces, on kitchen duty and in regular study hours. Part of it is voluntary and part is obligatory, but it is all serious business for no student wants to fall down in the midyear tests.



Happy faces of the Hostel for Girls, Puebla

Their school work is of major importance, and we do our best in the Home to see that they study and prepare their home work. However, the school which is under the same roof, but under different administration, is responsible for the academic side. The "Casa Hogar" or Hostel is responsible

for the home life of these girls, and into the time that we have them, we try to put in something that means training in good habits; we try to give them ideals, and we try to help them to cultivate their spiritual lives. Household tasks and personal matters take much time but we find time for a general house meeting once in a while. We also find time for a Bible Club once a week. Every one is invited to the Club but no one is forced to attend. The principal activities of the Club are singing hymns and memorizing Scripture. A goodly number of girls have set themselves to learn thirty-five new verses this year. We long to see them fortified for the tests and trials that are ahead with that strength of spirit which comes only in knowing God and His Word, so we encourage them to memorize complete portions. There is much need of Christian teaching, and of personal experience of salvation among our people.

The one hundred girls in the Home attend Sunday School and Church regularly. A group of the older ones is taking active part in the well organized Young People's group of the church.

When special meetings come along, those who can prepare their home work early are permitted to go. Recently when Miss Caffray was here in a week of meetings many responded to the invitation to come to the Lord and be saved. After one informal gathering here in the Home, seven or eight little girls came to us, one saying, "Will you help us?" Another said, "I want Jesus to come into my heart." Some of our own girls gave definite testimonies that they now have a personal experience of sins forgiven. The real true deep work of the Spirit of God endures, so we ask your prayers for these new Christian girls that they may be faithful witnesses. For the weak ones and for those who saw a little light and failed to act upon it, we also ask you to pray. Each one is precious in the sight of the Saviour.

"Madero" Institute

Puebla, Pue.

Dr. Francisco Cruz Aedo,
director

We have just celebrated the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Methodist School for Boys in Puebla.

The Methodist Church of Mexico, like the Methodist Church in any part of the world, is interested in education. Just after the opening of mission work in my country, the evangelical school opened its doors to the poor Christian boy



Madero Institute

and girl. The Methodist Church started its work in 1873 and our school began in 1874. Seventy-five years of constant Christian service to all!

I was present at the fraternal dinner that the Seminary offers each year to the graduating class and 75% of the graduating class were boys who had their previous education in our school. That fulfills one of our main purposes - to be a constant sender of pretheological students to the Seminary. Nothing helps a boy who has felt the call of God to a special task so much as to prepare himself from the very beginning in a school with a Christian atmosphere. The boys who have

completed their primary and secondary education here are doing excellent work in the Seminary.

During the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee, we undertook many and inspiring activities: Thanksgiving services in our Church, athletic programas, a five-day sesminar led by notable "ex-alumnos" and distinguished teachers, a "Noche Mexicana"-rich in color and Mexican folklore, and an excellent program in the best theatre of the city with Dr. Eleazar Guerra as the main speaker. The most outstanding work done in the past year was the opening of the Junior College, the dream we have had since we came to Puebla in 1941. This college will be a blessing to us and to the Church because our Christian boys and girls can now continue their education here. Besides, it represents another forward step to our main goal, the foundation of the first Methodist University in Mexico.

These have been years of trial and suffering, and glorious years of rich blessing and happiness. Opposition and difficulties are helping us to go ahead, trusting and knowing that our Lord is with us all the time.

To give you, dear readers of "Mexico", an idea of the growth of the Methodist school for boys in Puebla, let me give you in numbers the history of the the school in the last ten years:

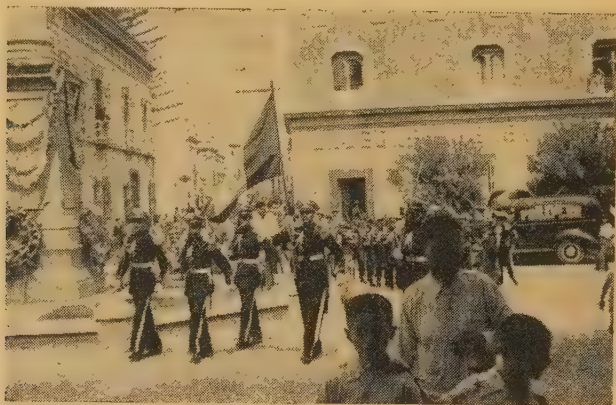
Year	Boarding bop	Students Primary School	Students Co- mercial and Sec ondary School	Strdents Juaior College
1940	19	51	10	
1941	39	94	64	
1942	64	137	71	
1943	98	169	75	
1944	110	195	98	
1945	133	215	117	
1946	162	224	137	
1947	214	272	172	
1948	227	347	224	28
1949	254	357	228	59

The "Benjamin N. Velasco" Military School

Querétaro, Qro.

Agustin Romero López, director

The "Benjamín N. Velasco" Military School of Queretaro is singular in that it is not only recognized by the department of Public Education, but by the department of National Defense as well. Both divisions have been more than generous in their praise of our educational plan and the results we have been able to attain.



The students of the Benjamín Velasco Military School on parade

A year ago, when the Church celebrated its 75th anniversary, the entire student body, in dress uniform, proudly displayed the National flag during one of the sessions in which the student body took an active part.

There are occasions when genuine surprise is manifested by ministers and friends that one of our schools should offer military training. Are we preparing our students to go to war? Quite to the contrary. The "Benjamin N. Velasco"

Military School is actively engaged in promoting the Christ ideal of peace and good will toward all men. In addition, however, we take advantage of the many opportunities that military training offers for discipline, punctuality and good manners.

The government has established a required military service for all young men who reach the age of eighteen, but the training our students receive in this subject is considered sufficiently superior by the authorities to grant exemption to our students and, on finishing their course of study, they rate the same military rank as the graduates of the military school of the government.

Each year our students are required and authorized to take trips to various places in the Republic for military exercise and practice. In this way the students broaden their horizons and become acquainted with their country.

A recognized, successful military program is one of our chief aims, but we have not mentioned our annual contest of oratory for the graduates held at the end of each school year. We have just celebrated our 26th contest. This plan of oratorical practice is the only one of its kind among the educational institutions of the country. When our students have been invited to compete with schools in other sections of the country they have won places of high honor and distinction.

At present we are enthusiastic over a group of students sent to us by Bishop Eleazar Guerra who are filling the necessary requirements for entrance into the Seminary.

I, my family who share in the supervision of the school, and the faculty, work unceasingly and untiringly in order that the ideals of the founders may be preserved and realized in the lives of the students.

Field Notes

Mexico, D. F.

Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, in charge of the Buenos Aires Area of the Methodist Church, which includes Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia, was the guest of the Union Evangelical Center and the Methodist Church of Mexico, the second week of May. He preached in Gante and Balderas Street Churches, addressed the faculty and students of the Seminary on two occasions, and spoke at the monthly meeting of the Federation of Christian Workers in Union Evangelical Church. Also, he and Bishop Guerra visited Puebla and Pachuca, and he preached in both of these Churches. His visit was an event of very great inspiration and encouragement to the Methodist Church of Mexico, and particularly to the Union Evangelical Center. In past years he has been professor and director of the Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Claude Kellogg, in company with Sr. Juan Diaz, director of the Department of the Rural Church in the Union Evangelical Center, spent three weeks in the northern part of the Republic, in Institutes for rural pastors. Letters from General Teran, Nuevo Leon, and Allende, Coahuila, express the appreciation of the workers who attended these institutes.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Holmes, of New York City, are spending several months in Mexico City. Dr. Holmes has delivered lectures at the Mexican-American Institute and at the National University.

Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Matzigkeit were absent from Mexico City for several weeks in April and May. Mr. Matzigkeit visited a number of congregations in the Missouri Conference, speaking in the interest of the building fund for the Union Evangelical Center. A short visit was also made to relatives in Indiana.

Dr. Robert E. Stevenson, of the Department of Music of the University of California in Los Angeles, is in Mexico City for several weeks, gathering material for a History of Mexican Music. While here, he will address the students and faculty of the Union Evangelical Center, and the Federation of Christian Workers.

Rev. Drew Woolcott, pastor of the Union Church in Monterrey, exchanged pulpits recently with Rev. Charles R. McKean of the Union Evangelical Church in Mexico City.

Dr. Willa Caffray and her singer, Betty Restrict, held a week of evangelistic services in the church of Puebla, and for the students of the Hostel. Many earnest decisions for Christ were made during this week and the spiritual life of the church deepened. Dr. Caffray was enroute home after six months of fruitful evangelistic meetings in Methodist and other churches of Central America.

Miss Ruth Warner will return from her furlough the last of June. Welcome home, Ruth! At present she is attending a seminar in religious education at Scarritt College and from there will go on to the meetings at De Paw before starting her journey to Mexico.

The last word received from Miss Fox is that she has left the hospital and is gradually resuming her work at the Community Center. We praise Him for His faithfulness.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Milton C. Davis is improving, but very sorry to say that our good friend, Mr. Kellogg, is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our annual Methodist Work Camp, under the direction of Wesley Matzigkeit, increases steadily in numbers and interest. This year fifteen young men and eight young women, recruited by the Baorord of Missions and the Department of Religious Education, are enroute to Mexico for six weeks of adventure in good will and brotherly love through work projects.

We are always happy to see Mamie Baird when she visits Mexico City. Living off the beaten path means that these visits are not spaced very close together. She is with us this week to meet the Methodist Work Camp group who will be assigned to Cortazar and a project under her direction.

We again welcome Mrs. Alice Howell to Mexico City for the summer vacation. Mrs. Howell is the mother of Mrs. W. Matzigkeit. Mrs. Howell and the Matzigkeits will be living in Cuernavaca for the next month or two.

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We are glad to report that Miss Dora Schmidt is slowly recovering from the serious automobile accident which she had a few months ago. This means she must cancel her plan to attend the meetings at De Paw.

Miss Pauline Willingham is developing a medical-evangelistic program in two small villages outside of Monterrey and Miss Frances Israelson, graduating this June from the Monterrey City Hospital, will assist her in this new work. Child Evangelism material is a part of their equipment and it was Miss Hannah Tebben, who recently returned to Child Evangelism headquarters in Mexico City, who laid the foundation on which they will build. A room has been rented and various pieces of furniture and a baby organ have been donated for the work in Las Margaritas. The new station wagon will shorten the distance between places and a greater number of people reached.

Miss Emma Jewel Ross of International House, Austin, Texas, with a group of five students, were guests of the Social Center for four days. Valuable contacts were made with different church and school groups.

Interest now centers in Vacation Bible School and Camp. To raise money for these projects club leaders and their groups organized a bazaar at popular prices and cleared about

\$ 500.00 A unique feature, with social and educational values as well, was the doll show with 60 entrants and a score of doll visitors for a background. More than 200 visited the exhibit.

The Rio Grande Valley Work Camp, under the direction of Rev. Paul Deats, will spend the first week of August in Monterrey and Saltillo. Before coming to Monterrey there will be a six weeks work project at the Social-Evangelistic Center, Pharr, Texas. Evaluation studies will conclude the program.

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Recent visitors to Chihuahua were Mr. and Mrs. Lex Cox from the Congregational Church in Whittier, California. These friends are interested in Srita. Hilda Lopez, a student nurse in Sanatorio Palmore who comes from the Congregational Mission.

Vacation time for this section of Mexico will soon be here and the workers will be scattering to different parts. Miss Nixon will spend a month with her mother and sister in Kenedy, Texas. Miss Elridge plans a short vacation near by. Miss Seal and Srita. Pérez are going South in company with Srita. Martínez who has spent several months in the Student Hostel in Chihuahua.

Miss Lula Rawls of Sanatorio Palmore will leave soon for a six months furlough and Miss Lucile Vail of Centro Cristiano will go on retirement furlough. She plans to visit Mexico City before leaving the country.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Newberry attended the Easter pageant at Lawton, Okla. and gave wonderful reports of their impressions of this pageant.

Graduation exercises of Colegio Palmore will be held on June 22 and of Centro Cristiano on June 28. A large number

of young people will receive diplomas and certificates at this time.

The missionary family of Chihuahua will receive two new members in the fall. Miss Olive Givin who has worked in Argentine will join the staff at Centro Cristiano and Miss Lorena Foster, a nurse from China, will come to Sanatorio Palmore.

Miss Lucile Vail of Centro Cristiano gave a very successful piano recital of her students, including a goodly number of young people who attend the Methodist Church. They gave evidence of excellent instruction and we congratulate Miss Vail on the splendid work she has done.

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And raise their thoughts to God.*

*'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And, through the dangers of the night,
A lamp to lead our way.*

*Thy Word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.*

Isaac Watts

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